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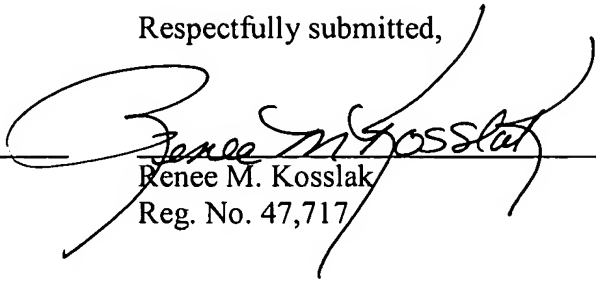
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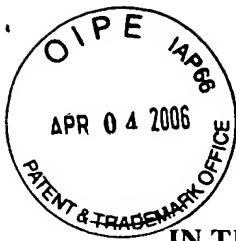
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1a. ☒ copies of: (i) each foreign patent listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO 1449; (ii) each publication listed on the attached Substitute Form PTO 1449, or that portion which caused it to be listed, *other than* U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications; (iii) for each pending unpublished U.S. application, a copy of the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; and (iv) other information, or

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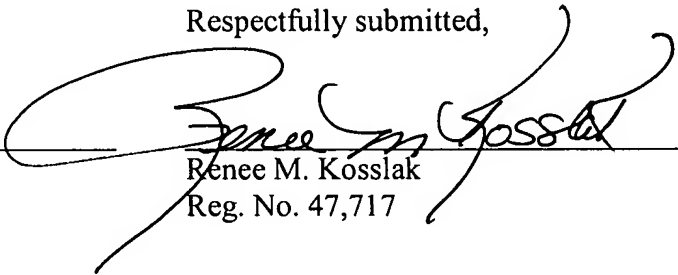
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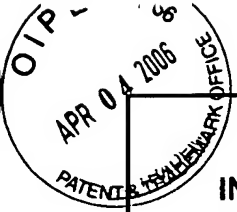
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